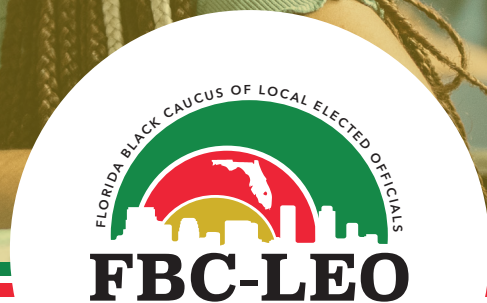


FBC-LEO 2027 Essay Contest



Essay Contest on a Historical Figure, Movement, or Milestone That Has Shaped You As a Person

About

In a well-organized essay, discuss a historical figure, movement, or milestone that has shaped you as a person. Support your ideas with examples and explain how that legacy lives on and what it means for your future.

Prompt

In 750 words or less, discuss a historical figure, movement, or milestone that has shaped you as a person.

Prize

1. First Place Winner will receive a \$1,500 scholarship to a Florida college or technical career institution of your choice and a resolution from the **Florida Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials** (FBC-LEO).
2. Second Place Winner will receive a \$500 scholarship to a Florida college or technical career institution of your choice and a resolution from FBC-LEO.
3. Third Place Winner will receive a \$250 scholarship to a Florida college or technical career institution of your choice and a resolution from FBC-LEO.

Entry Requirements and Instructions

You must be an eleventh or twelfth grader in an FBC-LEO member municipality during the 2026-2027 school year.

- The essay must be typed or legibly printed (no cursive and no pictures).
- The use of AI and ChatGPT software or similar programs is strictly prohibited.
- The essay must not exceed 750 words.
- Submit a professional/senior picture headshot and biography.
- A completed entry form must be returned with your essay.
- Previous winners may not apply.
- Submit your entry by **December 11, 2026, by 5:00 p.m. ET** at fbcleo.org/essay-contest.
- Essays received after the deadline will not be considered.

For a list of FBC-LEO member cities, towns, and villages, see page 2.

FBC-LEO Online

For more information about the Florida Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials, visit fbcleo.org.

Questions?

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Member Municipalities

City

City of Alachua
City of Apopka
City of Bartow
City of Belle Glade
City of Bowling Green
City of Chattahoochee
City of Chipley
City of Clermont
City of Cocoa
City of Coral Springs
City of Dade City
City of Dania Beach
City of Daytona Beach
City of DeLand
City of Eustis
City of Florida City
City of Fort Lauderdale
City of Fort Meade
City of Fort Myers
City of Fort Pierce
City of Gainesville
City of Gretna
City of Groveland
City of Haines City
City of Hawthorne
City of Jacksonville
City of Key West
City of Lake Alfred
City of Lake City
City of Lake Wales
City of Lauderdale Lakes
City of Lauderhill
City of Live Oak
City of Madison
City of Melbourne
City of Miami Gardens
City of Midway
City of Miramar
City of Monticello
City of Newberry
City of North Lauderdale
City of North Miami
City of North Miami Beach
City of Oakland Park

City of Ocala
City of Opa-locka
City of Orange City
City of Orlando
City of Pahokee
City of Palatka
City of Palm Bay
City of Panama City
City of Pensacola
City of Plant City
City of Pompano Beach
City of Quincy
City of Riviera Beach
City of Rockledge
City of Sanford
City of Sarasota
City of South Bay
City of St. Cloud
City of St. Petersburg
City of Stuart
City of Sunrise
City of Tallahassee
City of Tamarac
City of Waldo
City of West Palm Beach
City of West Park
City of Westlake
City of Williston
City of Winter Haven

Town

Town of Cinco Bayou
Town of Bronson
Town of Dundee
Town of Haverhill
Town of Micanopy
Town of Oakland
Town of Welaka

Village

Village of Indiantown

About the Florida Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials

The Florida Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials (FBC-LEO) was established in 1985 as a nonprofit, public policy, research, and educational institute.

The FBC-LEO creates a positive environment for disseminating, communicating, and exchanging ideas and information among members to achieve more efficient and responsible local government administration within Florida's communities.

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